

**ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-\_\_\_\_\_**

**An ordinance amending Section 2.44.050 of the Metropolitan Code pertaining to the annual training requirements for police officers.**

WHEREAS, Section 8.203 of the Metropolitan Charter provides that the Chief of Police can "make regulations, with the approval of the mayor and in conformity with applicable ordinances, concerning the operation of the department, the conduct of the officers and employees thereof, their uniforms, arms and other equipment for their training" (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, Section 3.06 of the Metropolitan Charter provides that the Metropolitan Council has the authority to legislate with respect to the powers of the metropolitan government granted by Article 2 of the Charter, including the power to enact ordinances necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has determined that enhanced training requirements for Metropolitan Nashville police officers is needed in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. Section 2.44.050 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by adding the following new appropriately-designated subsections:

x. Every police officer shall receive at least one full day (eight hours) of Diversity and Inclusion training each year.

xx. Every police officer shall receive at least four hours of use of force training each year, which shall include training regarding the use of intermediate weapons. For purposes of this subsection, "intermediate weapons" means those weapons designed to be used to overcome resistance or stop the threatening actions of an individual and/or control a situation without causing death or serious physical injury, including, but not limited to, batons, expandable batons, pepper spray, Taser devices, beanbag rounds, rubber ammunition, and mace.

xxx. Every police officer shall receive at least four hours of mental health training each year.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its enactment, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

  
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Member of Council